

# MONTHLY CROP-WEATHER

## MILD WINTER CONTINUES, FEED SUPPLIES ADEQUATE

(The following comments are from Minnesota's County Extension Educators)

**BELTRAMI:** The winter has been mild with little snow. Livestock conditions very good to excellent. Hay quantities above adequate but quality below average. Producers pleased with calf prices, but not with feedlot rules proposed.

**CHISAGO:** Feed for livestock is readily available. Hay is a buyer's market. Mild winter is enjoyed by all. Little snow cover at this time.

**CLEARWATER:** Very little snow cover this winter. Much concern for alfalfa and specialty crops. Milder than average winter. Livestock is in good condition. Feed supplies excellent. Frost is much deeper than normal because of little snow.

**COTTONWOOD:** Feed availability and livestock feeding conditions are excellent. Concern of producers is lack of moisture as we approach planting.

**KANDIYOHI:** Twelve inch snow pack. Good hay supply. Livestock doing well with the mild winter.

**LE SUEUR:** Some 1999 corn being delivered to the local elevator. With the mild weather, the livestock have done well. There is no shortage of forage or grain as feed. The mild winter has helped with livestock that are in outside lots.

**NORMAN:** No unharvested corn in Norman county. Livestock conditions this fall and winter have been great. Plenty of feedstuffs and hay available at a very good price for the livestock producers. An open winter to date has some producers wondering about a dry year coming.

**RED LAKE:** Many of the fields have very little snow, some black soil can be seen. The "mild" winter has made farm work easier.

**ROCK:** Rock County continues to experience one of the mildest and driest winters on record. While livestock are in excellent condition, attention and concern is now beginning to be focused on the prospect of a very dry growing season.

**ROSEAU:** Winter weather continues to be mild and less snowfall than normal. Feed supplies of hay are adequate, but quality is low with feed supplements being used. Winter damage to alfalfa stands is a concern because of poor snow cover.

**SCOTT:** Everything is going well from the weather side. Prices continue to depress producers.

**TRAVERSE:** The livestock producers have enjoyed the milder than normal winter. Feed supplies are adequate. Some stored grain is beginning to move to the country elevators. Topsoil moisture is receiving some attention.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY, 2000

Temperatures during January averaged from 3.3 degrees above normal in the Cental and East Central Districts to 5.6 degrees above normal in the Northwest District. Temperature extremes included a low of -31 degrees at International Falls and a high of 50 degrees at Lambertson. Average precipitation ranged from 0.28 inch in the Northwest District to 1.39 inches in the Southeast District. Greatest monthly precipitation of 1.75 inches was recorded in Winona.

Precipitation and Temperature Summary for January, 2000

	Temperature			Precipitation	
	High	Low	Month Ave	Month Total	Dept. for Month
<u>NW DIST 1</u>					
Crookston	35	-16	8.8	7.1	.05 -.46
Moorhead	39	-14	10.0	4.1	.38 -.29
Warroad	39	-23	4.5	5.6	.41 -.20
<u>NC DIST 2</u>					
Grand Rapids	38	-20	9.1	4.3	.46 -.45
Intl. Falls	38	-31	4.9	3.9	.54 -.34
Itasca	36	-22	7.6	5.2	.18 -.74
<u>NE DIST 3</u>					
Duluth	35	-17	10.2	3.2	.77 -.45
Grand Marais	37	-14	14.0	.9	.09 -.81
Hibbing	34	-19	8.0	3.9	.57 -.14
<u>WC DIST 4</u>					
Alexandria	37	-21	10.8	3.6	.08 -.86
Browns Valley	46	-18	12.2	4.3	.64 -.05
Canby	49	-19	15.8	4.5	.75 .05
Fergus Falls	41	-14	10.7	5.2	.47 -.26
Montevideo	49	-20	13.4	3.5	.37 -.61
Morris	46	-20	10.9	3.8	.77 .03
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>					
Becker	45	-20	13.0	4.9	.65 -.15
Hutchinson	45	-18	12.9	3.3	.49 -.15
Olivia	44	-19	12.2	2.6	.78 .03
St. Cloud	42	-22	11.6	3.5	.71 -.03
Staples	37	-22	8.7	3.1	.23 -.60
Willmar	43	-21	11.3	2.6	1.08 .29
<u>EC DIST 6</u>					
Aitkin	39	-19	10.7	4.8	.64 -.17
Cambridge	38	-25	11.1	2.0	.78 -.00
MSP Airport	38	-13	15.9	4.1	.88 -.07
St. Paul - UofM	41	-13	17.2	2.4	.67 -.24
<u>SW DIST 7</u>					
Lamberton	50	-20	14.9	3.6	.37 -.25
Pipestone	45	-16	13.4	3.4	.61 .15
Redwood Falls	49	-17	14.6	2.3	.92 .28
Worthington	48	-18	15.8	4.2	.25 -.32
<u>SC DIST 8</u>					
Faribault	40	-21	12.9	2.6	1.05 .11
Waseca	39	-20	14.0	4.1	1.39 .41
Winnebago	42	-17	15.2	4.0	1.20 .34
<u>SE DIST 9</u>					
Preston	43	-21	15.2	3.4	1.23 .34
Red Wing	42	-21	14.0	4.7	.88 -.11
Rochester	36	-19	14.4	2.9	1.54 .76
Rosemount	39	-22	15.4	4.1	1.44 .38
Winona	48	-20	17.4	4.1	1.75 .97

